BEFORE THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS

| In the Matter of the License of: |) | |
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| WILLIAM J. SMITH, M.D. |) | Case No. 2006-003005 |
| As a Physician and Surgeon. |) | |

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER REVOKING LICENSE

The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, pursuant to notice and at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2007, took up the question of the competency of William J. Smith, M.D., to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, pursuant to the provisions of § 334.100.2(25) RSMo. The Board has previously made a finding of probable cause to question Dr. Smith's competency to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and required him to submit to the Federation of State Medical Board's Special Purpose Examination.

The Board was represented by Sreenu Dandamudi, General Counsel. Respondent was not present for the hearing but was represented by attorney William Simmons.

Division of Professional Registration Legal Counsel David Barrett served as legal advisor to the Board during the hearing, in its deliberations, and in the preparation of this order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ("the Board") is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 334.120, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo.

- 2. William J. Smith, M.D., ("Respondent") is licensed by the Board as a physician and surgeon, license number R1294. Respondent's license is current.
- 3. On February 26, 2007, the Board issued an Order Finding Probable Cause to question Respondent's competency. That Order is incorporated into these findings by reference as though fully set out herein.
- 4. The Order required Respondent to take and pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) administered by the Board within six (6) months of the effective date of the Order and was allowed two (2) consecutive opportunities to take and pass the SPEX.
- 5. Respondent did not take the SPEX; in fact Respondent did not even make application to take the SPEX.
- Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the Board's February 26,
 Order.
- 7. Pursuant to §334.100.2(25) RSMo, Respondent's failure to comply with the Board's February 26, 2007, Order constitutes an admission of the allegations against Respondent.
- 8. Respondent lacks the ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. Because of Smith's failure to submit to the examination, and pursuant to

§ 334.100.2(25) RSMo., the Board is entitled to take such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate.

B. The findings of fact as set forth herein pursuant to § 334.100.2(25) RSMo., show cause for this Board to impose final discipline.

DECISION AND ORDER

Having considered the matter fully, and considering the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS ORDERED that the physician and surgeon's license of William J. Smith, number R1294, shall be, and is hereby, REVOKED.

Respondent is ordered to immediately cease the practice of the healing arts, and to return all indicia of licensure, including his pocket card and wall hangings, to the Board's Office within ten days of the date of this order.

SO ORDERED this <u>29</u> day of November, 2007.

State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

Tina Steinman

Executive Director